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While it is no surprise to me that the US position on the Microsoft anti-trust case softened dramatically with the new Presidency, I feel strongly that any settlement short of splitting Microsoft will have little or no effect on Microsoft's anti-competitive practices. Without splitting the operating system from the applications, Microsoft will continue to take advantage of its monopoly of the operating system market to crush its competitors in the applications and internet markets. Do you think that msn.com has grown so much do to its high quality? Think again. When users buy a new PC, MSN is their default home page on the Microsoft browser. Since Internet Explorer is already installed with the OS, most users don't bother to download a competitor's browser. This has given Microsoft an unfair advantage in the browser market, which they are turning into an unfair advantage in the ISP and Internet portal markets. This type of behavior will continue as long as Microsoft can bundle its applications and services with its OS.

Regards,  
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